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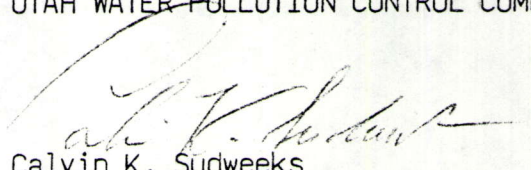
Niels B. Haubold  
Manager of Mines  
Umetco Minerals Corporation  
P.O. Box 1029  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Dear Mr. Haubold:

Transmitted herewith is an order from the Utah Water Pollution Control Committee for your immediate attention. Please contact Jay Pitkin at 533-6146 if you desire to have a meeting to discuss this order.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

  
Calvin K. Sudweeks  
Executive Secretary

cc: Fred Nelson - Assistant Attorney General  
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UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

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In the matter of  
Umetco Minerals, Hecla Mine  
Subsidiary of Union Carbide

Notice of Violation  
and  
Order to Cease and Desist

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The failure to obtain a construction permit for the containment ponds of the Hecla Uranium Mine wastewater is a violation of the Utah Wastewater Disposal Regulations Section 1.2.2. This regulation was cited in the Utah Water Pollution Control Committee's December 12, 1983 letter to Richard Miller of Union Carbide Corp.

Utah Water Pollution Control letters of July 8, 1983 and October 19, 1983 also requested Union Carbide to submit a compliance schedule for the submittal of design plans and for construction of an approved treatment system. The Union Carbide submittal of December 28, 1983 included a drawing but no compliance schedule or commitment to construct a satisfactory pond. There appears to be no recent progress towards providing an acceptable design and construction schedule for an approved pond as requested in the Committee's letter of December 12, 1983.


Therefore, Umetco Minerals is hereby ordered to Cease and Desist the disposal of uranium mine drainage in the unlined Hecla Mine pond by June 15, 1984.

This order is issued in accordance with Section 26-11-6(7) of the Utah Code. You are advised that failure to comply with this order could result in penalties outlined in Section 26-11-16 of up to a \$10,000 per day civil and up to \$25,000 per day willful violation. As outlined in Section 26-11-12 you have the right to appeal this order by making a written application for a hearing before the Utah Water Pollution Control Committee within 30 days of receipt of this order.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at the above number.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE



Calvin K. Sudweeks  
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